



# EucMedia

EucMedia 9

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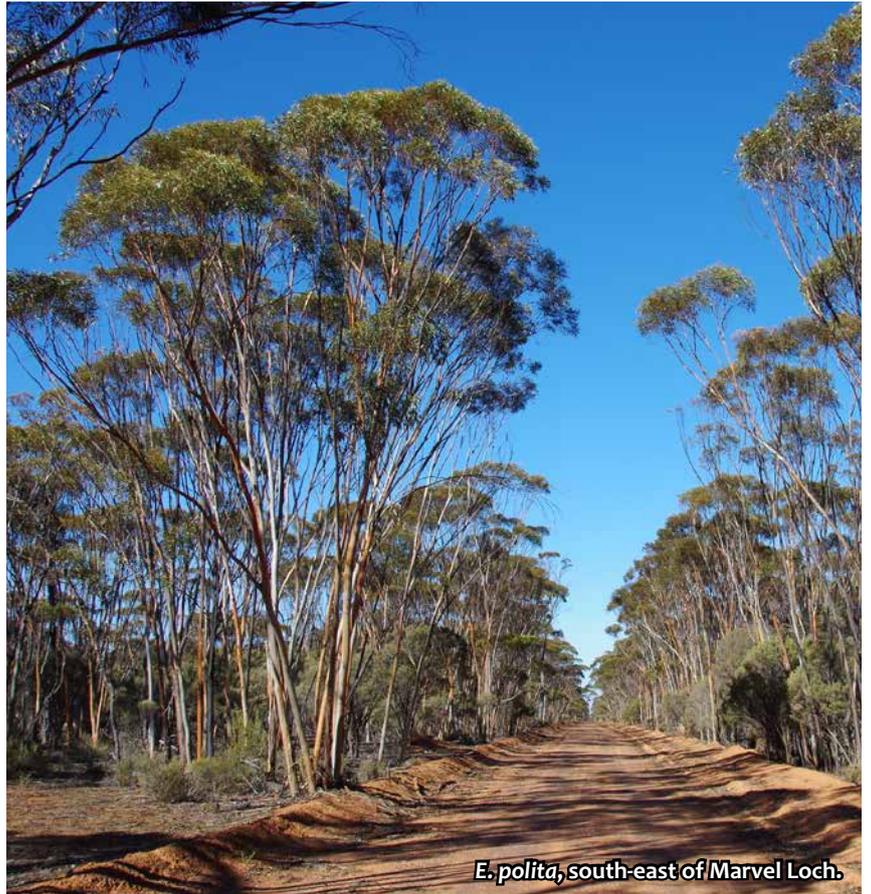
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Nice to have a rainbow introduction to welcome you to **EucMedia 9**, a photo gallery of my travels in WA over the last six months.



Smooth-barked form of *Eucalyptus horistes*, commonly occurring on sandy lake margins in the western Goldfields of WA.

Taken on a quick trip to the  
western goldfields  
in July, with  
*Eucalyptus polita*  
(Parker Range mallet)  
and  
*Eucalyptus sheathiana*  
(ribbon-barked mallee).



*E. polita*, south-east of Marvel Loch.



*E. sheathiana*, south-east of Marvel Loch.

## *Eucalyptus salubris* (gimlet)

is always a must in the eucalypt image lineup. Gimlets are mallets (small trees that lack a lignotuber and are killed by fire, regenerating only from seeds) and often form dense stands, as depicted below.



*E. salubris* bark.

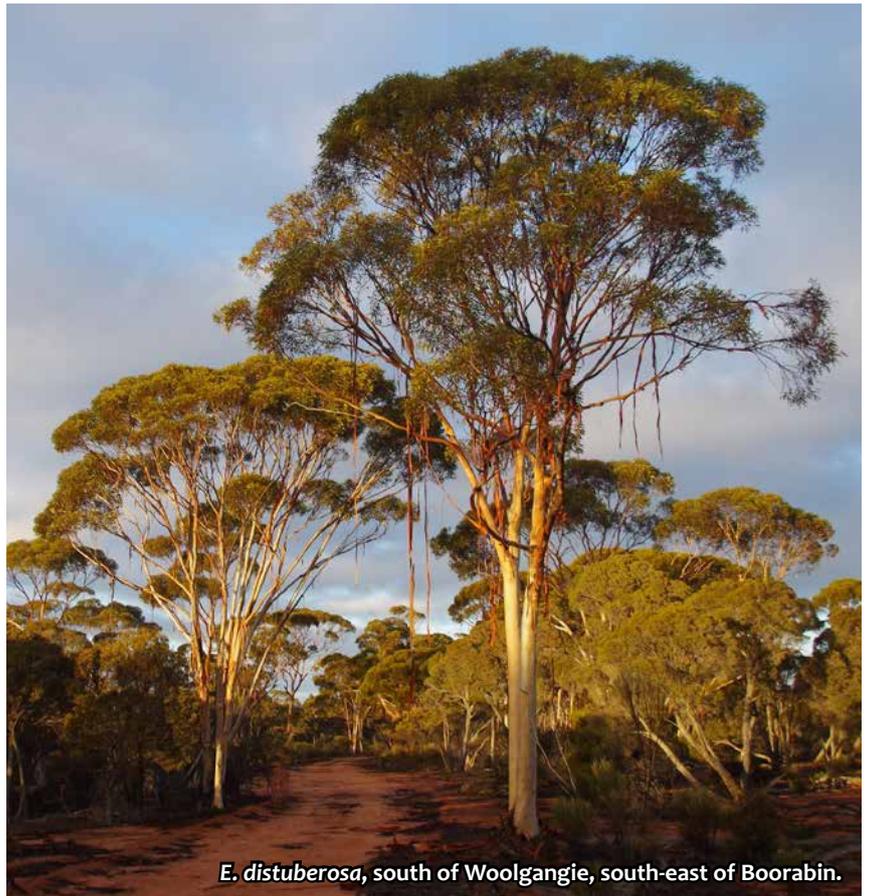


*E. salubris*, south-east of Marvel Loch.

The showy

*Eucalyptus distuberosa*  
(capped mallet)

with its long ribbons of shedding bark is very special.



*E. distuberosa*, south of Woolgangie, south-east of Boorabin.



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*E. salmonophloia* on the left, *E. distuberosa* on the right, lake side south of Woolbangie.

September down to Point Hillier,  
south-west of Denmark, to  
photograph the most rare

*Eucalyptus goniantha*  
subsp. *kynoura*  
(Point Hillier mallee).

This species occurs mid slope of the  
point, the only known population.



Point Hillier, south-west of Denmark.



*Eucalyptus goniantha* subsp. *kynoura* at Point Hillier, south-west of Denmark.



Flower buds of *E. goniantha* subsp. *kynoura*.

Fruits of *E. goniantha* subsp. *kynoura*.



On the way to Demark had to photograph a flowering cultivated

*Eucalyptus megacornuta*  
(warty yate),

a rare species from the Ravensthorpe area.

Warty budcaps and flowers of *E. megacornuta*.

*Eucalyptus rameliana*  
(Giles's mallee),

from the Little Sandy Desert of WA in  
flower at Mt Caroline farm, south-west of  
Kellerberrin.



Late rains in October in the Central  
Wheatbelt confirmed a wildflower  
flush at

**Mt Caroline Reserve,**  
south of Kellerberrin.



November a quick visit to the Exmouth-Ashburton region, where several limestone-loving endemics occur at Cape Range, south-west of Exmouth:

*Eucalyptus ultima*  
(Exmouth mallee) &  
*Eucalyptus prominens*  
(Cape Range mallee).





*E. ultima*, Cape Range.



*E. ultima*, Shothole Canyon Road, south-west of Exmouth.



*E. prominens*, Cape Range.



*E. prominens*, Cape Range.

Also common on the Cape Range are  
*Corymbia hamersleyana*  
(Hamersley bloodwood) &  
*Eucalyptus xerothermica*  
(Pilbara box).



*E. xerothermica*, Cape Range.



*C. hamersleyana*, Cape Range.

200 km east of Exmouth on the North West Coastal Highway is the common

*Corymbia zygophylla*  
(Broome bloodwood).



Buds and flowers of *C. zygophylla*.

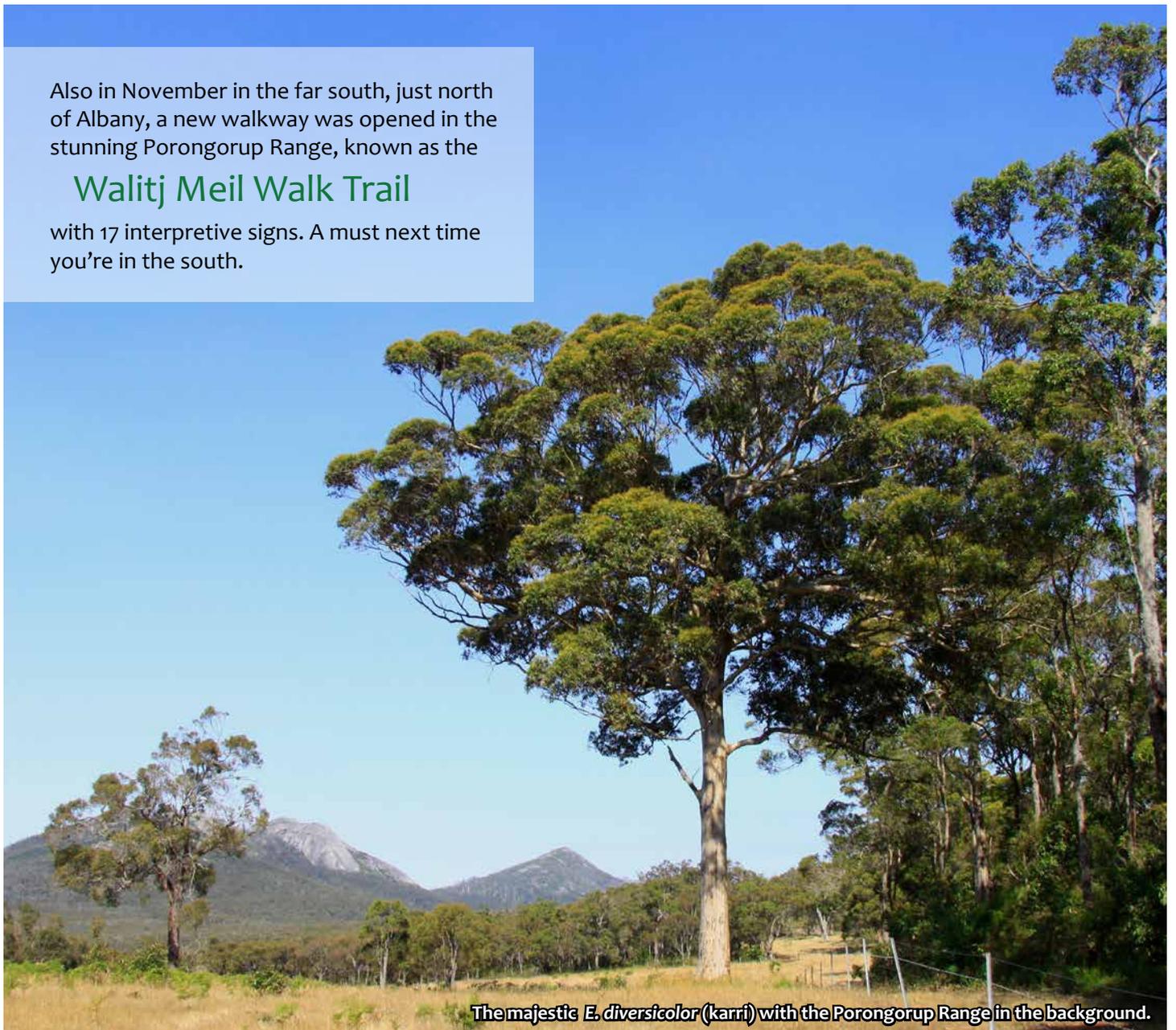


*C. zygophylla*, Towera Road, south-east of Exmouth.

Also in November in the far south, just north of Albany, a new walkway was opened in the stunning Porongorup Range, known as the

## Walitj Meil Walk Trail

with 17 interpretive signs. A must next time you're in the south.



The majestic *E. diversicolor* (karri) with the Porongorup Range in the background.

## YATE

THE PORONGURUPS

### THE NOTABLE YATE

*Eucalyptus cornuta* has showy clusters of long thin horn-shaped bud caps with distinctive yellow-green flowers that attract nectar feeders and insects.

Known as yate, it was the first endemic Western Australian eucalypt to be collected in 1792 by French botanist Jacques Labillardiere at Observatory Island and later described in *Relations du Voyage a la Recherche de la Perouse*.

With dark grey furrowed bark on the trunk, and the smooth pale grey-brown bark on the upper branches, yate grows in varied conditions; in the Porongurup it has adapted to damp soil.



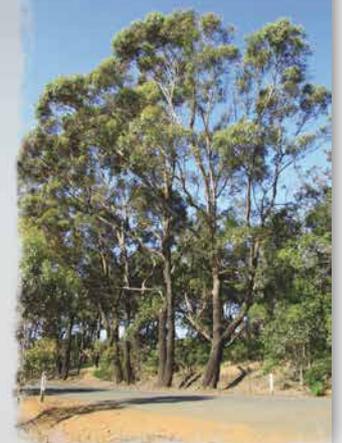
Yate buds opening into flowers  
Photo © Malcolm French

Yate is renowned as one of the world's hardest timbers and observed by botanist Baron Ferdinand von Mueller in 1867 during an expedition to the south-west including the Porongurup:

"... [Yate] ... very hard wood is splendid for agricultural implements, boat-ribs, and is for wheelwrights' work as good as that of *Eucalyptus loxophleba* [York gum], while for cart-shafts it is regarded as equal to the best English ash-wood".

Baron Ferdinand von Mueller published his book in 1879, *Eucalyptographia: A Descriptive Atlas. Eucalypts of Australia and Adjoining Islands*.

Yate trees on Woodlands Road,  
Porongurup  
Photo © Malcolm French



One of the interpretive signs for *E. cornuta*.

Every farm should have a few of this species that is a favourite for the birds;

*Eucalyptus macrocarpa*  
subsp. *elachantha*  
(small-leaved mottlecah).



*Eucalyptus macrocarpa* subsp. *elachantha*, Mt. Caroline Farm.

Any comments or questions, please contact me at [mef@eucalyptsofwa.com.au](mailto:mef@eucalyptsofwa.com.au)

Happy eucalypting, and have a super Christmas!

Regards, Malcolm French



*Eucalyptus macrocarpa* subsp. *elachantha* flowers.